



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs"

Russ Guiney, Director

November 14, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING
SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY
CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE
SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE INSTALLATION PROJECT
(Fourth District 3-Vote Matter)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the State CEQA Guidelines and the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, cited herein.
2. Adopt the attached resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the State of California Resources Agency, California River Parkways Grant Program, for funding for the proposed Schabarum Regional Park Equestrian Bridge Installation Project under the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50).
3. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept grant funding upon award, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, the project grant agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Adoption of the attached resolution by your Board will authorize the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to complete the application process for the Schabarum Regional Park Equestrian Bridge Installation Project.

The California River Parkway Program (Program) is a statewide competitive grant program established in 2004 and administered by the Office of the Secretary for Resources. The Resources Agency has 32.5 million dollars available for public agencies and non-profit organizations to acquire, restore, protect, and develop river parkways through the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50).

In determining the projects to be submitted to the State, the Department reviewed and assessed various facility needs throughout the County relative to eligibility based on the grant guidelines, feasibility and the likelihood that the projects would be funded. One project was determined to be eligible and feasible at this time.

The proposed project scope consists of the removal of a failing culvert, the installation of a prefabricated bridge over a tributary to San Jose Creek, and re-vegetation of the slopes. The cost of these improvements is estimated at \$300,780.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action supports County Strategic Goal 4 (Fiscal Responsibility) by increasing the Department's public/private partnerships, managing our resources effectively, and investing in the public infrastructure; Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being) by improving the well-being of children and families in Los Angeles County; and Goal No. 6 (Community Services) by improving the quality of life for the residents of Los Angeles County by offering a wide range of department coordinated services responsive to each community's specific needs.

FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING

Although it is not mandatory, the grant program encourages matching funds. The estimated cost for the Schabarum Regional Park Equestrian Bridge Installation Project is \$300,780 and the grant funds requested will be \$250,650. The match, in the amount of \$50,130, would be provided from Park In-Lieu Fees available in Park Planning Area No. 10.

Operating Budget Impact

If the grant application is successful, the Department will develop estimates for both the one-time start-up costs and the ongoing operating costs upon completion of the project designs, when more detailed information about the improvements would be available.

The Department will work with the Chief Administrative Office to determine the appropriate operating requirements and available funding. Based upon the current funding timeline and anticipated project schedules, the Department is not anticipating incurring any one-time or ongoing operational costs from this project until Fiscal Year 2007-08.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In 2002, California voters passed Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act. The act authorized the Legislature to appropriate funds for the acquisition, restoration, protection, and development of river parkways. In order to receive funding, an agency must meet at least two of the following five statutory conditions:

1. Recreation – Provide Compatible Recreational Opportunities including trails for strolling, hiking, bicycling and equestrian uses along rivers and streams.
2. Habitat – Protect, improve, or Restore Riverine or Riparian Habitat, including benefits to wildlife habitat and water quality.
3. Flood Management – Maintain or Restore the open-space character of lands along rivers and streams so that they are compatible with periodic flooding as part of a flood management plan or project.
4. Conversion to River Parkway – Convert existing developed riverfront land into uses consistent with River Parkways.
5. Conservation and Interpretive Enhancements – Provide facilities to support or interpret river or stream Restoration or other conservation activities.

The Department feels that the proposed project meets the first two statutory requirements – recreation and habitat. The prefabricated bridge will allow trail users a safer access across the blue line stream within the Park and re-vegetation of the slopes will preserve the natural habitat and eliminate erosion of the area. When completed, the project will also allow for the natural flow of the blue line stream.

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County Counsel has approved the attached Resolution as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The project described herein is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) according to Section 15302 Class 2 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 2 (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987 because the project involves replacement of existing facilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES AND PROJECTS

There are no impacts on current services as a result of this action. If funding is awarded, the project will be accomplished in a manner which will minimize the impact on public use of the affected facility.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Board, please instruct the Executive Office, Clerk of the Board to return three (3) conformed copies of the resolution to Parks and Recreation to complete the application packet.

Respectfully submitted,



Russ Guiney
Director

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Attachments

c: Executive Office (22)
Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES AGENCY'S CALIFORNIA RIVER PARKWAYS GRANT
PROGRAM UNDER THE WATER SECURITY, CLEAN DRINKING WATER,
COASTAL AND BEACH PROTECTION ACT OF 2002 (PROPOSITION 50) FOR THE
SCHABARUM EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE INSTALLATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 50) provides funds to the Public agencies and non-profit organizations to acquire, restore, protect and develop river parkways; and

WHEREAS, the State of California Resources Agency (Grantor) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing project applications under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State of California Resources Agency require the County of Los Angeles (Grantee) to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California Resources Agency to complete the Schabarum Equestrian Bridge Installation Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the California River Parkways Grant Program; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application sufficient funds, including matching funds from Park In-Lieu Fees available in Park Planning Area No. 10, to 100 percent finance, operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to accept the grant, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, the application, contract,

agreement, amendments, and payment requests in compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

The foregoing resolution was on the ____ day of _____, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Los Angeles

By _____

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

County Counsel

By




LILLIAN D. SALINGER

Senior Deputy County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation			
Grant Project Title and Description			
SCHABARUM REGIONAL PARK EQUESTRIAN BRIDGE INSTALLATION			
Funding Agency		Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State of California		California River Parkways Grant Program	August 2007
The Resources Agency		Proposition 50	
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$250,650		County Match: \$50,130	
Grant Period: 4 years		Begin Date: 8/1/2007	End Date: 5/11/2011
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:		Full Time: N/A	Part Time: N/A
<u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u>			
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?		Yes: X	No:
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?		Yes:	No: X
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?		Yes: X	No:
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:			
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services		Yes:	No:
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)			
		Yes:	No:
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.		Yes:	No:
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:			
Other requirements not mentioned above:			

Department Head Signature:  Date: 11-1-06